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COMBINED DECLARATION AND POWER OF
ATTORNEY IN ORIGINAL APPLICATION

As a below named inventor, I hereby declare that:

My residence, post office address, and citizenship are as stated below next to my name,

I believe that I am the original, first, and sole inventor (if only one name is listed below) or an original, first, and joint inventor (if plural names are listed below) of the subject matter which is claimed and for which a patent is sought on the invention entitled:

VEHICLE WHEEL COVER RETENTION SYSTEM AND METHOD FOR
PRODUCING SAME

the specification of which:

___ is attached hereto.

X was filed on February 23, 1995 as
application Serial No. 08/389,867
and was amended on _____
(if applicable)

I hereby state that I have reviewed and understand the contents of the above identified specification, including the claims, as amended by any amendment referred to above.

I acknowledge the duty to disclose to the United States Patent And Trademark Office information known by me to be material to the patentability of this invention as defined in Title 37, Code of Federal Regulations, §1.56.

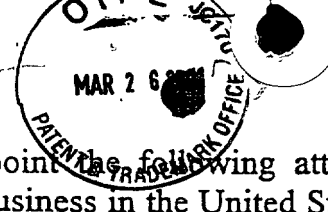
I hereby claim foreign priority benefits under Title 35, United States Code, §119 of any foreign application(s) for patent or inventor's certificate listed below and have also identified below any foreign application for patent or inventor's certificate having a filing date before that of the application on which priority is claimed:

Prior Foreign Application(s)

Serial No. Country: Filed: Priority: ___ Yes ___ No

I hereby claim the benefit under Title 35, United States Code, §120 of any United States application(s) listed below and, insofar as the subject matter of each of the claims of the application is not disclosed in the prior United States application in the manner provided in the first paragraph of Title 35, United States Code, §112, I acknowledge the duty to disclose to the United States Patent And Trademark Office information known by me to be material to the patentability of this invention as defined in Title 37, Code of Federal Regulations, §1.56. I became available between the filing date of the prior application and the national or international filing date of this application:

Serial No. 08/203,058 Filed: February 28, 1994 Status: Pending

I hereby appoint the following attorneys and/or agents to prosecute this application and to transact all business in the United States Patent And Trademark Office connected therewith with full power of substitution and revocation: Richard S. MacMillan, Reg. No. 30,085; Mark J. Sobanski, Reg. No. 29,700; Oliver E. Todd, Jr., Reg. No. 24,746; Ted C. Gillespie, Reg. No. 27,981; Gary M. Sutter, Reg. No. 31,574, John B. Molnar, Reg. No. 31,914; Douglas V. Pavelko, Reg. No. 36,888; and Allen W. Inks, Reg. No. 37,358. Direct all telephone calls to Douglas V. Pavelko at telephone number (419) 255-5900. Address all correspondence to MACMILLAN, SOBANSKI & TODD, One Maritime Plaza, 4th Floor, 720 Water Street, Toledo, Ohio 43604, facsimile No. (419) 255-9639.

I hereby declare that all statements made herein of my own knowledge are true and that all statements made on information and belief are believed to be true; and further that these statements were made with the knowledge that willful false statements and the like so made are punishable by fine or imprisonment, or both, under Title 18, United States Code, §1001 and that such willful false statements may jeopardize the validity of the application or any patent issued thereon.

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Inventor's Signature Michael V. Maloney Date 3/29/95

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Date Mailed: 02/16/2001

NOTICE TO FILE MISSING PARTS OF NONPROVISIONAL APPLICATION

FILED UNDER 37 CFR 1.53(b)

Filing Date Granted

An application number and filing date have been accorded to this application. The item(s) indicated below, however, are missing. Applicant is given TWO MONTHS from the date of this Notice within which to file all required items and pay any fees required below to avoid abandonment. Extensions of time may be obtained by filing a petition accompanied by the extension fee under the provisions of 37 CFR 1.136(a).

- The oath or declaration is missing.
- To avoid abandonment, a late filing fee or oath or declaration surcharge as set forth in 37 CFR 1.16(e) of \$130 for a non-small entity, must be submitted with the missing items identified in this letter.
- The balance due by applicant is \$ 130.

The application is informal since it does not comply with the regulations for the reason(s) indicated below. Applicant is given TWO MONTHS from the date of this Notice within which to correct the informalities indicated below.

The required item(s) identified below must be timely submitted to avoid abandonment:

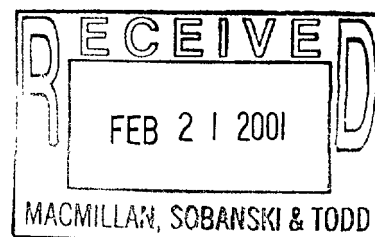
- The Claim(s) commencing on a separate sheet (37 CFR 1.75(h)).

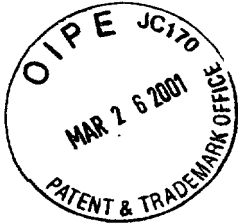
*A copy of this notice **MUST** be returned with the reply.*

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Kathryn R. Hetherwick
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March 22, 2001
(Date of Signature and Deposit)

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re the Application of:
Michael V. Maloney et al.

Serial No. 09/730,029

Filed: December 5, 2000

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Group Art Unit 3617

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RESPONSE TO NOTICE TO FILE MISSING PARTS OF APPLICATION

Honorable Sir:

In response to the Formalities Letter (Notice To File Missing Parts Of Nonprovisional Application) dated February 16, 2001 enclosed is an executed Declaration and a copy of the Formalities Letter. Pursuant to 37 C.F.R. 1.16(e), please charge Deposit Account No. 08-1393 in the amount of \$130.00 to cover the missing parts fee. A duplicate of this sheet is enclosed.

Also in response to the Formalities Letter, attached please find the Claims commencing on a separate sheet.

Respectfully submitted,

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